

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1881) My dearest Alec:

I have nothing to say especially except that I think we had better remain either here or in N.P. for the next few weeks. I would say N.P. but Grace has to be here for some time and alone so of course I want to stay here and keep k h er company, she might go to N.P. but it would be awfully inconvenient as she must go up every day to B. Beside which if I were here I could be getting my house furniture carpet and paper etc. without troubling Mamma. If I waited until her return she would want to go with me and that I think this would be the easiest way anyway. I shall probably go on to W. in a few days with Mamma to see the house but if we remained there we should only worry her so I think better to stay here or in N.P. Grace is very anxious to have the village cart and groom here and of course if we stay in N.P. we should want it there. Just keep Perrin until I can decide. Just now we are busy getting Sister off.

I have such lots to do I don't know what to do. Must Mrs. H. come to Newport, now. It would be the most inconvenient thing for me in every respect; still if we cannot do anything else I will return and receive her. Of course now the poor thing has come we must do all we can for her.

Whatever you want me to do I will do. About Chester's house Papa thinks 110th st. a very unpromising location the property is decreasing in value and we have already a good deal of Washington real estate. I cannot see that you are bound to do anything for Johnson's brother if it is a bad thing for your own interest. Papa says it would be cheaper for you to board them all somewhere than to 2 try and rent to them.

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In greatest haste, Much love, Mabel. Sister will be at Grosvenor House 5th. Ave. this evening call on her tomorrow Thursday — Telegraph Chester they are in a state of mind.